Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, January 2011 is the ninth annual mentoring month, as declared by the National Mentoring Partnership. This year's theme is "Help Them Get There: Be A Mentor"; and,

Whereas, Sustained relationships with positive adult role models are essential in the successful development of all children and adolescents; and,

Whereas, Mentoring relationships between adults and children are known to improve academic performance, increase self-esteem, and build confidence in young people; and,

Whereas, Mentoring, in addition to preparing young people for school, work, and life, is extremely rewarding for those serving as mentors; and,

Whereas, Hundreds of young people in South Dakota are in need of caring, adult mentors; and,

Whereas, The goal of National Mentoring Month is to raise awareness of mentoring in its various forms, to recruit individuals to mentor, and to promote the rapid growth of mentoring by recruiting organizations to engage their constituents in mentoring:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 2011 as

MENTORING MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-second Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State